

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, and 4 are amended to provide clarification and antecedent. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 1-15, 17-20, and 22 are active in this application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8, directed to a biodegradable barrier network.

The election is made with traverse on the grounds that sufficient reason and/or examples to justify a restriction requirement have not been provided. Furthermore, it is understood from the Restriction Requirement that once the claims of Group I are found to be allowable, Group II, claims 9 and 10, will be rejoined with Group 1.

In response to the election of species requirement, the applicants hereby elect poly-lysine in the molecular weight interval of 5,000 to 50,000 as a specific cationic polypeptide, poly-glutamate in the molecular weight interval of 5,000 to 50,000 as a specific anionic polypeptide, an aqueous solution as a specific carrier, and water and phosphate as remaining compounds in the form of diluent and buffer, respectively. It is understood that once the elected species is found to be allowable, the search will be extended to the remaining species.

It is believed that this application is in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

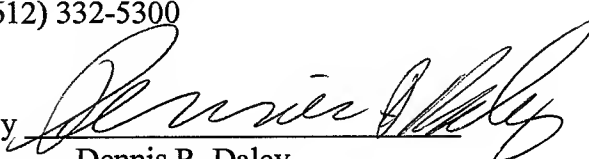
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